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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Manuel M. Velasco and
4 Blanca Maria Velasco on the occasion of the Springfield Park
5 District renaming the tennis area at Washington Park in
6 Springfield the "Velasco Tennis Center" in honor of their work;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Manuel M. Velasco, a native of Bolivia, serves as
9 the Springfield Park District's racquet sports director and
10 long-time area tennis coach; he has coached tennis at
11 Jacksonville High School, MacMurray University, Illinois
12 College, the Springfield Racquet Club, Springfield College in
13 Illinois, and the former Sangamon State University; he serves
14 as head coach at the University of Illinois at Springfield; his
15 team at UIS has appeared at the NAIA National Tournament
16 fourteen times; as a player, he won six Bolivian National
17 Junior Tennis Champion titles and competed at the United States
18 Open at Forest Hills; and

19 WHEREAS, Blanca Maria Velasco has served as the assistant
20 manager for tennis programs for the Springfield Park District
21 and has participated in several community organizations,
22 including the Girls Scouts of America, the Illinois Prairie
23 Council, and the Thomas Rees Carillon Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Manuel and Blanca Maria Velasco will be formally
2 honored on July 5, 2008 at a dedication and reception hosted by
3 the Springfield Park District, the Springfield Parks
4 Foundation, and the Velasco Tennis Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, Manuel and Blanca Maria Velasco's dedication to
6 their professions and their willingness to serve the community
7 make them role models for the people of the State of Illinois,
8 including several generations of children fondly referred to as
9 the "Washington Park Rats"; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 honor Manuel M. Velasco and Blanca Maria Velasco for their
13 work, congratulate them for the renaming of the tennis center
14 in their honor, and wish them continued success and happiness
15 in the future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Manuel M. Velasco and Blanca Maria Velasco as a
18 symbol of our esteem and respect.